

Westminster At Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather to offer God our praise and thanksgiving.

People: Here we will remember the blessings God has bestowed upon us through Christ.

Leader: Here we will claim the gift of hope and promise of peace.

People: Here we will join together as members of the household of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

People: Let us worship God together.

HYMN

"I Love You, Lord"

(see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Holy One, that we are heirs to divisions that have beset your people through the ages. We rank and sort ourselves to separate one from another. We distinguish ourselves by race and orientation, by politics and gender, by

status and creed. But your Messiah sat at table with pious and scandalous ones, spoke love to prodigals and elders, and in doing so bids us to overcome our differences and live in peace.

Forgive our failure to heed Christ's words and lived example. Help us to join with brothers and sisters from far and near, as you continue to make the human family a single people united by love and grace. Hear us now, as we come to you in silent reflection and confession.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

†RESPONSE

GREATOREX

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Gospel Lesson **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. ³¹ Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat.

He said to the apostles, “Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while.” ³² They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place. ³³ Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. ³⁴ When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things. ⁵³ When Jesus and his disciples had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret, anchored the boat, ⁵⁴ and came ashore. People immediately recognized Jesus ⁵⁵ and ran around that whole region bringing sick people on their mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ Wherever he went—villages, cities, or farming communities—they would place the sick in the marketplaces and beg him to allow them to touch even the hem of his clothing. Everyone who touched him was healed.

Hebrew Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-17

⁷ When the king was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, “Look! I’m living in a cedar palace, but God’s chest is housed in a tent!” ³ Nathan said to the king, “Go ahead and do whatever you are thinking, because the Lord is with you.”

⁴ But that very night the Lord’s word came to Nathan: ⁵ Go to my servant David and tell him: This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build the temple for me to live in. ⁶ In fact, I haven’t lived in a temple from the day I brought Israel out of Egypt until now. Instead, I have been traveling around in a tent and in a dwelling. ⁷ Throughout my traveling around with the Israelites, did I ever ask any of Israel’s tribal leaders I appointed to shepherd my people: Why haven’t you built me a cedar temple?

⁸ So then, say this to my servant David: This is what the Lord of heavenly forces says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be leader over my people Israel. ⁹ I’ve been with you wherever you’ve gone, and I’ve eliminated all your enemies before you. Now I will make your name great—like the name of the greatest people on earth. ¹⁰ I’m going to provide a place for my people Israel, and plant them so that they may live there and no longer be disturbed. Cruel people will no longer trouble them, as they had been earlier, ¹¹ when I appointed leaders over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

And the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make a dynasty for you. ¹²When the time comes for you to die and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your descendant—one of your very own children—to succeed you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He will build a temple for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me. Whenever he does wrong, I will discipline him with a human rod, with blows from human beings. ¹⁵But I will never take my faithful love away from him like I took it away from Saul, whom I set aside in favor of you. ¹⁶Your dynasty and your kingdom will be secured forever before me. Your throne will be established forever. ¹⁷Nathan reported all of these words and this entire vision to David.

SERMON

“Best Laid Plans”

Rev. Linda Williams

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the

Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Deep River / Shall We Gather at the River”

Ken Wright

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most generous God, accept our offering today, given in gratitude for your extravagant gifts to us. We thank you for welcoming us, for leading us with grace, and for offering us eternal hope. We thank you for providing us with food to nourish us, with rest to refresh us, and with blessings too abundant to name. As we accept your generous gifts, may we use them in becoming a people after your own heart. As we offer our gifts, may the world see a glimpse of your own goodness. Amen.

HYMN

“I Am the Bread of Life”

(see insert)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Memorial Acclamation

Leader: ... we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

**PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

PRECIOUS LORD

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
(see insert)

CHARGE & BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 1, 2021

SWEATY SHEEP/WESTMINSTER WELLNESS WALKING GROUP: Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? On Wednesday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. we will walk at Joseph M. Soehnel Nature Trail located at 2261 N. Finn Road in Essexville. In case of rain/thunderstorms, we will walk at the Bay City mall (Bay City Town Center). Contact Sandy at sandra.graves@gmail.com or Tami tami.sivy@gmail.com with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

GREAT LAKE LOONS BASEBALL: Join your church friends for an evening of fun and fellowship at a ball game Thursday, August 19! Westminster has a limited number of tickets. To reserve your seat, please pay the church office before August 12. Tickets are \$12.50 each. The game begins at 7:05 p.m.

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: Join us on August 26 as we view *Just Mercy*. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m., and a time for discussion will follow the movie. All ages are welcome! Popcorn and soda will be served.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet the first and third Thursdays of August at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are exploring the book, *First and Second Samuel* by David C. Hester. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org. The next meeting date is August 5.

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: During the summer months, join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Join us on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for a time of fellowship. All are invited! For Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, August 1, 2021

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

Monday, August 2

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150

6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, August 4

1:00 p.m. Coffee & Conversation via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Property Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep/Wellness Walking

7:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships

Thursday, August 5

8:30 a.m. TOPS

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, August 8

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

3:00 p.m. Installation Service for The Rev. Jamie Milton

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Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

Join us for the Installation of

The Reverend Jamie Milton

Sunday, August 8, 2021

3:00 p.m.

The Pastor Nominating Committee of Westminster Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to the Installation Service for our new pastor, The Reverend Jamie Milton.

We rejoice that the Lord has led Pastor Jamie to lead our congregation, and we look forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God.

A time for fellowship and food will follow the service.

Please confirm your attendance by Thursday, August 5 by contacting the church office at 989-686-1360 or office@wpcbc.org.

